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TATTERSALL'S CLUB was established on the 14th May, 1858, and is the leading sporting and social Club in Australia.

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On the third floor is the only elevated Swimming Pool in Australia, which, from the point of view of utility and appearance, compares favourably with any indoor Pool in any Club in the World.

The Club conducts four days' racing each year at Randwick Racecourse, and its long association with the Turf may be judged from the fact that Tattersall's Club Cup was first run at Randwick on New Year's Day, 1868.

The Club's next Race Meeting will be held at Randwick on Saturday, 9th September, 1939.

The Club Man's Diary

July Birthdays: Mr. J. B. Moran, 6th; Mr. R. H. Williamson, 13th; Mr. W. M. Gollan, 15th; Mr. G. F. Wilson, 21st; Mr. J. H. Buxton, 31st.

Trophies won at the May meeting of Tattersall's Club were presented by the Chairman (Mr. W. W. Hill) and by Mr. James Barnes in the club room on June 13.

Mr. B. H. Crowley, owner of Hilarious, winner of the James Barnes Plate, received a tea service on a silver salver.

"I ask Mr. Barnes to make this presentation," said the Chairman. "This grand old sportsman has passed his 83rd milestone. We all wish him many more years of good health."

Mr. Barnes said that he was pleased to present the trophy to Mr. Crowley, particularly for the reason that Mr. Crowley's father had been a Committeeman of Tattersall's Club in other years and also had raced horses about the same time as he (the speaker) and Mr. Robert Richards — the father of Mr. Ben Richards — had done.

"I am very happy to have won this race and to have the trophy presented by Mr. Barnes," said Mr. Crowley. Racing to-day is a very hard business with many people — mostly a matter of £ s d. But any owner would be pleased to win this race and this trophy. I would like to tell Mr. Barnes how much I appreciate the honor additionally as coming from him.

W. Lappin, rider of Hilarious, sent a telegram apologising for his absence. The jockey, who was in

Newcastle, included a complimentary reference to Mr. Barnes.

Trainer D. Lewis, accepting the whip on Lappin's behalf, said: "I wish Mr. Barnes good health."

Mr. Barnes responded: "I hope that when any of you reach the age

The Chairman presented Master Ken Weber, rider of the Corinthian winner, with a wristlet watch and a small travelling set, the latter for his mother.

"Ken's first thought was for his mother," Mr. Hill added.

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This story is told without prejudice to Syd. Baker.

"My advice to you, Colonel, is to go through the movements of driving without using a ball," said the golf instructor.

"My dear fellow," answered the Colonel. "that's precisely the trouble I'm wanting to overcome."

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Mr. A. E. Blair, whose death occurred last month, was a notable sporting figure, apart from having been the owner of Chatham, one of the greatest of Australian milers. Even had he not owned a horse so outstanding his name would have been revered among men who go racing. He had great qualities of heart and intense enthusiasm for the sport. No meeting of any consequence

seemed complete without his presence. Mr. Blair had secured several yearlings by his old champion to carry his colours forward.

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At a meeting of the Committee on June 5 last, it was resolved to place on record appreciation of the services of the late Mr. George Marlow, and to extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family.

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Among the trippers abroad: Messrs. Marshall Ney, C. E. Brown and Dan Casey. Among those who have returned: Messrs. Brendan Dowling and Conrad Horley.



"We Go to the Derby."

Mr. Ernest Hillier with his daughter Miriam and son Rob.

of 83 you will enjoy health as good as mine." (Applause.)

Mr. P. W. Powell, owner and breeder of Sir Land, winner of the Corinthian Handicap, was presented with a cocktail cabinet, complete with glasses, by the Chairman.

Mr. Hill said that the race had proved a successful innovation and had come to stay. He hoped that the trophy would remind Mr. Powell, a good sportsman, of a good race well won and of his association with Tattersall's Club.

Mr. Powell responded.

Mr. Conrad F. Horley returned with Mrs. Horley last month from a tour of England and America. Signs of the tension in international affairs, he said, were seen in the air raid precautions, including the preparation of underground shelters in parks and other open spaces and in the large number of balloons taking part in barrage trials.



Messrs. Norman B. Rydge, Ernest Hillier and Cecil Mason. Photo taken in New York.

Wife: I put your shirt on the clothes-line, dear.

Husband: What were the odds?

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Comment by an American motion picture journal: "Horse racing, particularly the gambling side of horse racing, has taken Hollywood by storm. Film employees, from labourers to stars, producers and directors, place bets on the ponies with the result that landlords often have to wait for the rent. Even high-salaried actors have sold cherished possessions to obtain funds for further betting. Hollywood is a bookie's paradise.

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A clean party yarn:—

Wife: I heard a noise when you came in last night.

Hubby: Perhaps it was the night falling.

Wife: Or the day breaking.

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In an association with the racing game extending over two generations, Mr. T. J. (TOM) Nieriker has owned, trained and ridden many good'un's. You ask Tom and

he'll tell you, too, that in his career he attained the blue-ribbon ambition of all jockeys — rode a Derby winner. And he came close to the trainer's major ambition when Beloved, who he prepared for the late Mr. Barney Allen, ran second to Possinatus in the Melbourne Cup of 1913.

There were other contests and other prizes in which Tom Nieriker figured, but he classes as his greatest win and at once his greatest prize, a certain Miss Agnes Tudor. He met her first 60 years ago, when he was a lad of 15 and she a shy little girl. Fifty years ago he married her at Warkworth, a village outside Singleton. They left that afternoon for Woodbine, Young St., Randwick. It was there, on June 25, last, that they celebrated the golden anniversary of their wedding. They have brought the fairy story to life in having lived happy ever afterward.

"If I could live back those 50 years, what would I do?" he asked in the course of a chat in the club room. "Well, I would marry the same girl," he said. "At all stages of my life she has been my best bet, to use a racing term. Every course, I suppose, has their own recipe for happiness, but I would say on the general question of whether marriage is worth while—yes, definitely. That's 50 years' experience speaking."

Mrs. and Mrs. Nieriker had a family of two sons: Robert Martin and Theodore John. Robert died last year.

Mr. Nieriker was born in Gundah. He went to Singleton at the age of 15 and later on, to Broke, near the town, to work for a horse-trainer named John Kerr. It was at Broke that he first saw his wife to be. Her half brother was licensee of the hotel.

Gibraltar was the Derby winner ridden by Mr. Nieriker. That was in 1890. The owner was Mr. H. C.

Dangar, uncle of Peter Pan's owner. Gibraltar was by Grand Master from Algeria (imp.). "That mare never threw a bad one," Mr. Nieriker recalled. Was Gibraltar a good'un in particular? The old-time jockey answered: "I won the St. Leger on him, later. Wish I could have him back again to-day. I'd make some money!"

Gibraltar beat home in the St. Leger The Admiral ridden by Tom Hales, the famous jockey of his day, and of whom Mr. Nieriker said: "Hales was a truly great horseman; one who rode a race on his brains. He was a marvellous judge of pace. Withal, one of those gifted riders born every generation or more."

Mr. Nieriker rode before the days when jockeys were licensed and at a time when horses were walked great distances to race meetings. "Sometimes we used them as pack-horses," he recalled.

The greatest horse he has seen? Without hesitation the old-timer declares for Carbine. "A champion who could sprint and stay." When Carbine carried a record weight to victory in record time (up till then)



Family group: Mr. Tom Nieriker, Mrs. Nieriker and their son John. Picture taken by granddaughter, Joan.

in the Melbourne Cup of 1890, Mr. Nieriker had the mount on Carbine's stable mate, Prince Consort.

"Times may be quoted against Carbine, but conditions must also be taken into consideration—riding styles, and, most important of all, track conditions. With respect to the latter, modern horses are greatly at advantage. Then, compare the champions which Carbine was up against — Abercorn and Melos

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Club Man's Diary

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among them—with the opposition faced by, say, Phar Lap," he said.

Apart from Beloved, the veteran regards Zenda and Circus Star as among the finest horses he prepared. Zenda won the Winter Stakes at Randwick and two Rosehill Handicaps. Circus Star led the field home in the Newcastle Cup. The last one he trained was Urun-along.

Well, Tom Nieriker will tell you that his 75 years of life have been full of interest and packed with a great deal of excitement. Life's been worth while in every sense. He thanks all who came forward to congratulate Mrs. Nieriker and himself on their Golden Anniversary. "May they all be as happy and enjoy our health when they reach our age and stage," he said.

They tell me that a Sydney woman whose husband (a sporting man) used to go in for highballs in a big way completely cured him by secretly buying two of those snakes, hiding under his bed and waiting until he began to groan and stretch one morning after a hard night. Then she thrust up the sticks on the ends of which two snakes suddenly began to writhe and dart at the gentleman with the hangover. There was a blood-curdling yell and he went out of a second-storey window. The lucky man fell in a flower-bed and wasn't much hurt, and he was a changed man when he re-entered his home to take the pledge, little dreaming how the demure little woman who solicitously ran out to ask what was the matter had tricked him.

Rural Members

Mr. James Clayton, of Newcastle.

Here's a toast to James Clayton, of Newcastle!

Born and bred in the second city of this State, Jimmy Clayton has endeared himself to all with whom he has come in contact.

It has often been said it is impossible to go through life without making a bad friend. Jimmy disproves that, for there is not a soul for miles around who would not take up the cudgels on his behalf.

As a sportsman and lover of good, clean sport he stands alone.

Although not quite in the Don Bradman class as a cricketer, "J.C." held the Hamilton Cricket Club together when a guiding hand was badly needed.

He was also, for a time, secretary of the Newcastle Jockey Club, and has left an indelible mark of proficiency against his name.

If that is not enough, let it be remembered that James also supplies his own string of prads and among sportsmen is akin to an uncrowned king.

In business, social or sporting circles, opinion is always unanimous, if James Clayton is at the helm all will be well.

It would be quite out of place to close without a word about Charity.

Never a call is made of the deserving nature but Jimmy gives wholehearted support. He is in everything that matters, and if the reader has any doubts about that it is only because he has not lived in Newcastle.

Mr. G. J. (Gerald) Levey, of Newcastle.

G. J. "Gerald" Levey, of Newcastle, is well and favourably known throughout the entire northern portion of N.S.W. as a tobacconist of the wholesale order.

"Jerry", as he is lovably known to associates, has extensive business interests and is regarded north, south, east and west as a square dealer. There are never any doubts as to Gerald Levey's attitude on any matter under discussion.

When time permits, our member disports himself on the bowling green with National Park, B.C.

Probably his pet fancy is to befit himself for his weekly cruise on his yacht, which is a regular Sunday diversion. If there is a secret rock, knob, or excrescence in Lake Macquarie that Gerald has not seen will members please let him know immediately.

As a member of the Turf he knows a good horse when he sees one and, what is more to the point, knows form, and is ever ready to back his judgment. He is known far and wide as an astute judge whose opinions are at all times respected.

In Club matters, "G.J.L." thoroughly enjoys himself and sees others about him do likewise. He has long since learned that there are fifty-two cards in a pack and he knows them all personally.

If it's a day in the open, a day indoors or any other way, make sure Gerald Levey is one of the party and prepare for a happy and most excellent time.

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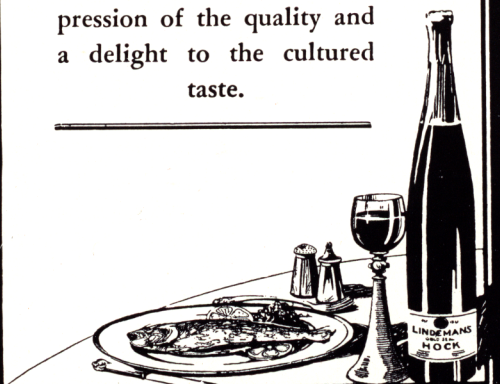
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AJAX STILL SUPREME!

RACING YEAR REVIEWED

While Ajax again stands out as the bright particular star of the turf for the season in Australia now drawing to its close, his complete eclipse by Spear Chief in the Rawson Stakes at Rosehill was one of the piquant interludes of the Autumn.

New Zealand supplied its usual quota of good gallopers, headed by Defaulter, Royal Chief, and that extraordinary Melbourne Cup winner, Catalogue, an eight-year-old gelding with no form previously beyond a mile.

Three-year-olds have been lamentably poor, for although Nuffield won both Derbies — in Sydney and Melbourne — he did not stand the stress of training and Tempest and Mosaic shared the Autumn honours with Early Bird, whose class, irrespective of distance, probably is better than either of the colts.

Two-year-olds, however, promised much more, and High Caste, Reading and Zonda, might take high rank. They are unknown quantities in real comparison, being untried against their elders.

Ajax carried his record on through the Spring at Caulfield, Moonee Valley and Flemington, and again in the autumn, but his first race in Sydney for the season — at Rosehill — saw the combination of Allunga and Spear Chief too much for him. Allunga caught Ajax on one off day, worried him like a terrier, and, when his work was done, Spear Chief came along to complete the destruction of what would have been Ajax's 19th consecutive victory.

Ajax was confined to weight-for-age racing, and probably was in better form in the Spring than in the Autumn. He was followed home in his Spring races by Avenger,

Royal Chief, Young Idea, and Spear Chief, and in the Autumn accounted for Young Idea again, Pamelaus and El Golea.

When he came to Sydney many of the keen judges considered that he did not look as bright as in the Spring, and although circumstances

the Melbourne Cup with Catalogue, there is little doubt that the best horses sent from the Dominion last year were Royal Chief and Defaulter.

Royal Chief, in the Spring, at Randwick, was a first-class horse, but after his success in the Metropolitan with 8-13 he trained off a little, and was not nearly so good in Melbourne, and in particular, the Melbourne Cup.

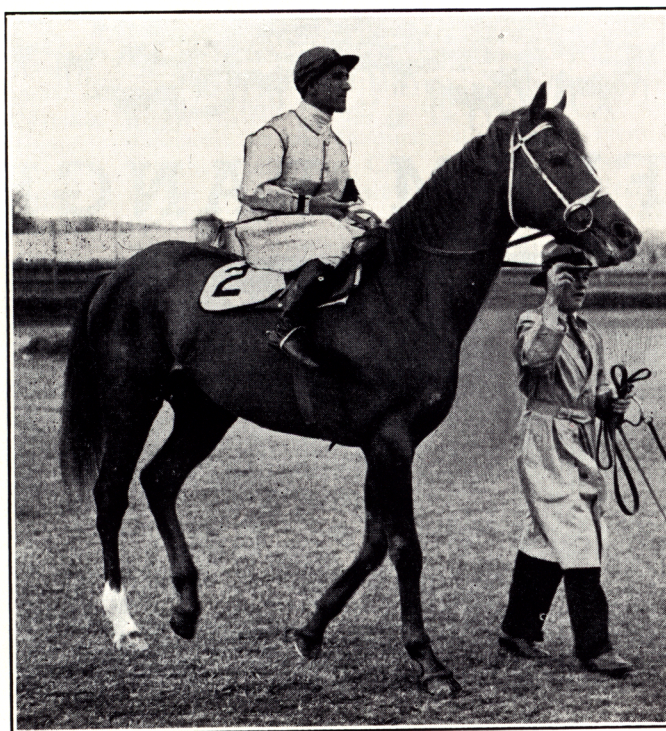
Defaulter captured the imagination of Sydney racegoers in the Autumn. This three-year-old was an imposing individual, and was one of the most popular horses sent from the Dominion. His first race in Sydney in the Chipping Norton Plate at Warwick Farm showed his quality, and then came his success in spite of many difficulties in the Autumn Plate at Randwick. He failed in the Sydney Cup with the big weight of 8.12, but was excused on the score of inability to race in the field. When he comes back in the Spring he should be much more mature and overcome this disability.

While Royal Chief and Defaulter were outstanding New Zealanders at weight for age during the season, Stretto was able to obtain some credit in the first weight-for-age event of the year, defeating Gold Rod and Royal Chief in the Warwick Stakes.

Then Gold Rod, who was bred in the Dominion, won the Canterbury Stakes, and Hill Stakes at Rosehill.

Young Idea upset many calculations when winning the Craven Plate at Randwick from Stretto, Gold Rod and the 5 to 4 favourite Royal Chief, earning a distinction which was his last, for midway through the season he failed to stand the strain of training and has been retired to the stud of his owner, Mr. P. Miller. He

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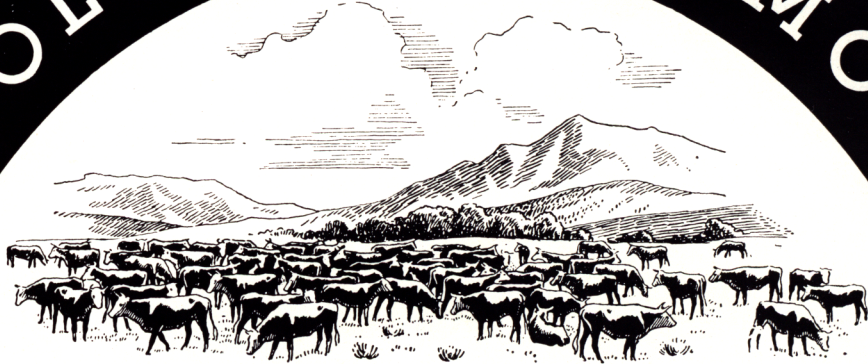
AJAX.

were against him when he was beaten in the Rawson Stakes, it is probable that he was caught on an off day.

He made up for his defeat, however, later, at Randwick, in the All-Aged and Cropper Plates. Despite his one defeat he remained the horse of the year, and next season he will be in the limelight again, more particularly if his owners decide to accept the invitation of the Victorian handicappers to run him in either the Caulfield or the Melbourne Cup, or both.

Although New Zealanders won

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has been a profitable and useful horse, who more than paid his way, and earned a surprising amount of prize money, considering throughout his career he was overshadowed by some of the best horses who have raced in this country.

Catalogue's Melbourne Cup will go down in history as one of the most remarkable results in that race since its inception. F. Shean, who rode Catalogue, regarded the 8-year-old gelding as only a Cup ride until his 3rd to Spear Chief and L'Aiglon in the Hotham Handicap on Derby Day at Flemington. An hour before the Cup was run heavy rain affected the track, ruined the chances of a number of runners, but played right into the hands of the Catalogue party. Shean, who had been riding with remarkable luck, and adopting unusual tactics, cleared out with Catalogue six furlongs from home and, despite a last desperate run by Bourbon, Catalogue passed the post, in deathly silence, the most comfortable of winners. As Shean previously had won the Caulfield Cup on Buzalong in almost similar fashion, he had a remarkable and obviously most satisfactory Spring meeting.

Buzalong's Caulfield Cup had not been without justification, for earlier in the Spring he had won the Grand Handicap at Hawkesbury, and then followed up with a creditable second to Royal Chief in the Metropolitan.

During the course of the Spring meetings a novice named Mosaic was gradually creeping into prominence. He won a minor event at Tattersall's Club meeting, and then a three-year-old handicap at the major fixture at headquarters. Little more was heard of Mosaic until late in the Autumn, when he brought himself sharply into prominence by winning the St. Leger and then, two days later, the Sydney Cup from the stable pair l'Aiglon and Malagigi.

Mosaic probably would have been considered to be overshadowed completely by Nuffield and Tempest in the St. Leger had those two colts been available but it would be unwise to say that they would have beaten him in the form he displayed at the meeting.

During the latter part of the seas-

on Spear Chief was one of the outstanding performers, winning the Woodcliff Handicap with 9-4 on a heavy track at Caulfield, then almost falling on his nose and missing a place in the King's Cup, and being a hopelessly beaten and very distressed horse at the finish of the Australian Cup, won by the very useful son of Windbag, Pageant.

Spear Chief, despite all this, was freshened up again, and taken to Queensland to win the Brisbane Cup and running the two miles in the new record time of 3-18 $\frac{3}{4}$.

St. Constant developed form to an extraordinary degree during the past season, many believing that he should have won the Caulfield Cup in which he was narrowly beaten by Buzalong, and he was promoted immediately to the favourite division for the Melbourne Cup. Consternation reigned, however, on the opening day of the Cup meeting when St. Constant was heavily backed and duly accounted for the Cantala Stakes of one mile. Eventually he ran in the Cup, but travelled badly and was not a possibility on the greasy track. He commenced to show his possibilities early in the season by winning at Rosehill, the Quality Handicap at Hawkesbury, and then running an unlucky third to King's Head and Bobby in the Epsom Handicap.

King's Head began F. Shean's fortunate run in major events. The Bullhead horse had tried many times to win one of the big mile races at Randwick, and at last, when almost his opportunities appeared to have gone, he succeeded. His consistent form had kept him up in the weights, and he had to be right at his top to win with 9-4.

Best sprinting and middle distance form in Melbourne during the season was credited to El Golea, Aurie's Star and Manrico. El Golea won the Toorak Handicap at Caulfield and the Newmarket Handicap at Flemington; while Aurie's Star later winning the Oakleigh Plate with 9-12 finished second with 11lb. more to El Golea in the Newmarket.

Gold Rod's second big mile success at Randwick was scored in the last Doncaster Handicap in which he carried 9-2 and won well from Korimako and St. Constant, both of whom finished fast; but were unable to give starts away to

Gold Rod, whose brilliancy enabled him to hold the winning position all the way.

Nuffield, had he trained on, would have been the outstanding three-year-old, and that he was able to win both the A.J.C. and Victoria Derbies in addition to the Caulfield Guineas was a tribute to his trainer, J. Holt.

Respirator slumped after winning the Canterbury Guineas and Aeolus won at Rosehill, then chasing home Nuffield at Randwick prior to his departure for Melbourne en route for India.

Early Bird was the outstanding filly, taking the Adrian Knox Stakes at Randwick, but the most creditable feature of her record was her success in the three mile races at Flemington, the Wakeful Stakes, Batman Stakes, and Northcote Handicap.

Two-year-old racing during the season developed with each section, the champions or believed champions of the Spring being eclipsed in the Autumn.

High Caste, the massive New Zealand-bred colt, bought in March at a high figure by a patron of the J. T. Jamieson stable, looked like carrying all before him, but failed unexpectedly in the Sires' Produce Stakes at Randwick, won by Reading. High Caste had his revenge two days later in the Champagne Stakes. High Caste had won the Alma Stakes at Caulfield and the Sires' Produce Stakes and Ascot Vale Stakes at Flemington. Reading has claims to being second best at least to High Caste, and on Autumn form at Flemington, though High Caste must be rated superior to Aurania and Aspire, the best of the Victorians.

Esperanto, who showed rare promise in the Spring, developed wind infirmity, which terminated his career abruptly, and Royal Sceptre and Beaucaire, who dead-headed in the Breeders' Plate at Randwick failed to race up to the usual standard of horses successful in that good race.

Zonda is credited with being the best of the fillies for she put up a rare performance to finish second to High Caste in the Ascot Vale Stakes, and was as good in the Autumn as in the Spring.

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PHAR LAP

(By Dr. W. J. Stewart McKay.)

Of all the horses I have known, and have made a close study of from an anatomical, a physiological and a racing point of view, Phar Lap proved to be the most interesting and important, for when alive he enabled me to fill in several gaps in my "staying heart" theory and when dead his heart furnished in an extraordinary way corroborating evidence of what I had for long maintained.

The first time I ever heard of, or ever saw Phar Lap was at the August Meeting of the A.J.C. at Warwick Farm in 1929. He ran that day in a mile w.f.a. race, which Mollison was expected to win; but a strong head wind caused Mollison to fail and Limerick won; and it appeared to me that a horse called Phar Lap had run third, but he was placed fourth; en passant, I may remark that this was the only occasion in which Phar Lap was unplaced from that time until he was very wrongly started in his third Melbourne Cup.

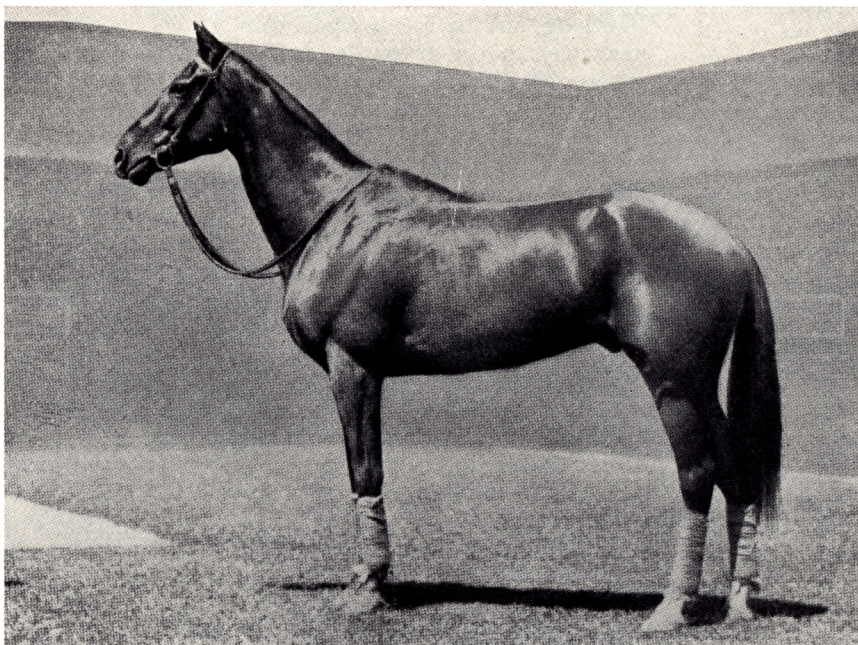
After the Warwick Farm race I followed him to his stall and had a good look at him—in those days he was no "oil painting": no crest, almost ewe-necked, with but little slope to his shoulder blade, pasterns short, strong and plebeian, those of his forelegs being marked with transverse healed cracks, while his tail was as large as that of a draught horse. Yet all these commonplace features were forgotten when one studied his hindquarters, which

were so superb and full of promise that they impressed me as no hindquarters had ever done before and as none ever since have done. To me they were perfection, and every time I saw him in his loose box in later years they always gave me the same impression of wonderful power. Mathew Dawson, the trainer of the immortal St. Simon, used to say that all horses had to have four legs, the front ones being necessary to prop them up; of course

have a staying heart from his breeding; so I at once took a fair amount of the High Syce-Phar Lap Cup double.

Phar Lap, a month later, ran in the A.J.C. Derby and began that brilliant series of victories that made him a world's champion. He ran the 12 furlongs in 2.31½ which still remains the record for the A.J.C. Derby.

Taken to Melbourne he had the misfortune to contract influenza, and when he ran in the V.R.C. Derby he seemed to be mad and gave poor Bobby Lewis a bad time; but that great rider landed Phar Lap a winner in 2.31½. In the Melbourne Cup he ran in the same extraordinary fashion. As a matter of fact it would have been wiser if he had not been started in either race, for he was not yet recovered from his attack of



Phar Lap as a four-year-old.

an exaggeration but containing the outstanding truth that the first point about a racer is his hindquarters. When you stood behind this plain gelding in those days you could not fail to see his superb gaskins, only Gloaming's ever appeared to me to rival Phar Lap's; while the exquisite Pavlova-like legs of Beauford had extraordinarily well-developed gaskins for such a slightly-built horse. The accompanying picture shows his beautifully cast legs; Sid Killick let me take it when Beauford was at his zenith.

I judged that Phar Lap would

influenza.

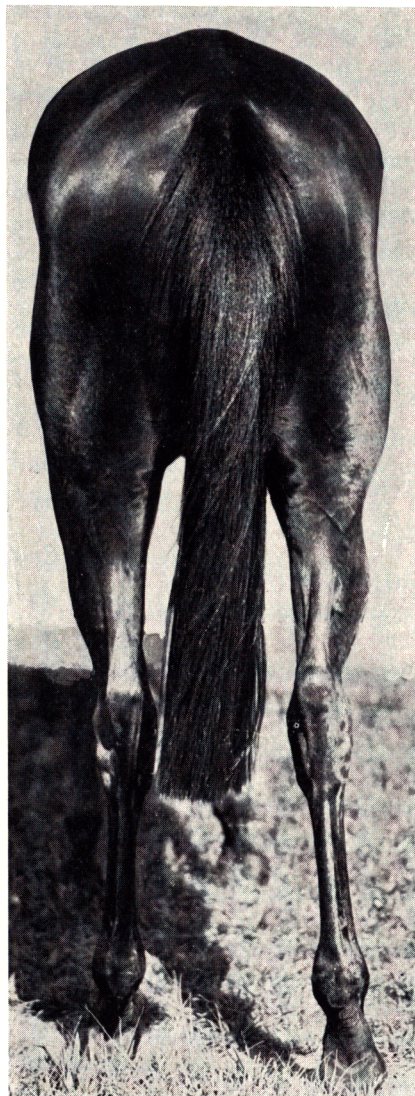
Phar Lap was beaten easily, he ran only third, but six months later he simply wiped the floor with Nightmarch, his Cup victor, when they ran in the A.J.C. Plate and he put up the record for the two miles and a quarter. This was the finest performance in a long distance w.f.a. race ever seen at Randwick; for leading the field from start to finish he did six furlongs in 1.12½; 7 fms., 1.25½; 8 fms., 1.39; 12 fms., 2.29½; 16 fms., 3.21½; and the two miles and a quarter in 3.49½. He was so far ahead two furlongs

from home that Elliott simply pulled him up, and he merely cantered over the last two furlongs. That race showed that his defeat in the Melbourne Cup was a tragedy and that Phar Lap fit and well would have won, for Nightmarch, good horse though he was, was no match for Phar Lap for the latter's performances in the Craven Plate showed that he was for ten furlongs as fast as Ajax at his best; and he would have played with Ajax over 12 furlongs. Phar Lap, like Wakeful could sprint and stay. Telford once directed Elliott to chase Mollison for the first furlong in a race and see if they could catch him, and he caught him before they reached the furlong post; and so he would have made the wonderful Ajax gallop so fast that the latter would have been glad when the mile had been run: after that he would probably have worn Ajax down, champion though he be, for when Phar Lap put up the record in the Craven Plate (2.2½) he was not extended over the last furlong; had he been he could have taken half a second off.

As a four-year-old, Phar Lap had improved very much in appearance, but when not animated he still presented the want of crest that caused the ewe-neck contour which helped to make him plebeian looking, and would have placed him at an artistic disadvantage alongside an aristocratic English horse. His head was always splendid and he had grown more robust, while his hindquarters were more exquisite, if possible; but the weight he was asked to carry in the Melbourne Cup was such that no four-year-old had ever succeeded in carrying such to victory in a two-mile handicap in the history of modern fast-time racing. Carbine had failed with two pounds more, as a four-year-old in the 1889 Cup, the time being 3.32.

The photograph on page 10 was taken at Dick O'Connor's stable; the trainer spoke to Phar Lap and told him to stand still, and the wonderful fellow was so intelligent that he never moved until he was told to do so. His intelligence was striking. Woodcock, who understood him even

better than Telford, would say to Phar Lap. "put out your tongue and show it to the Doctor." He would move himself about and pretend to be shy, but when the trainer again said "put out your tongue, sir," out would come the tongue,



Beauford's Gaskins.

and after I had touched it, he would pull it in and then shake all over, as if he were laughing and enjoying the joke.

The first race that Phar Lap had as a three-year-old was in the Warwick Farm Stakes, one mile, w.f.a. The day before the race I had dropped in to see Amounis at dear old Frank McGrath's stable. Frank has been my race horse tutor for the last thirty years, beginning his Kindergarten on that sturdy little cham-

pion Prince Foote in his two-year-old days. I found that Amounis, although he had not been long in from a spell, was ready to race. It was extraordinary that this big muscular horse that weighed eleven hundredweight and a half, could come to hand so rapidly after a spell. Leaving Amounis, I went on to Dick O'Connor's to see Phar Lap and found him in good trim, but not quite ready for a race against a champion miler like Amounis. I told Telford about Amounis, and he said at once that Phar Lap would probably be beaten, as he always required one good race to make him fit.

At Warwick Farm next day the going and the day were perfect, and over the last furlong and a half Amounis and Phar Lap had a battle royal, and locked together Amounis won by a short head.

After the race I ran into Billy Pearson, owner of Amounis and seizing the opportunity I asked him to let Frank take Amounis to Melbourne, and not to keep him in Sydney to run in the Epsom. He was so delighted at Amounis beating Phar Lap he at once said he would let him go. I looked Frank up and told him. I suppose Pearson told Frank that Amounis could go; anyway when he opened his paper on the Monday morning it is just possible he may have been a little surprised to learn that Amounis was already in Victoria!

As I was now sure that Amounis would start in the Caulfield Cup. I spent the rest of the afternoon at Warwick Farm in picking up as much of the Amounis-Phar-Lap double as I could lay hands on, and averaged a thousand to thirty; not a great bargain perhaps, with Amounis carrying 9.8 and Phar Lap 9.12. But the price proved a good one for Amounis started at 2 to 1 against, and Phar Lap at 11 to 8 on. I also took a cheap five thousand of Amounis and Veilmond, thinking that if Amounis won and Veilmond picked up the A.J.C. Derby and the V.R.C. Derby I would be able to get rid of the Veilmond leg at a decent price; for the public like to have a bit on the Derby winner in the Cup. A lightly

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"PHAR LAP"

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weighted three-year-old was the sort of horse that might trip Phar Lap up; as Lord Cardigan did Wakeful in the 1903 Cup. Amounis went through the programme that Frank had mapped out for him and pulled off all the w.f.a. races, except one, before the Caulfield Cup came off.

One day before Amounis had won his first Epsom (1926) I happened to watch him very attentively in a race at Rosehill, and I at once saw that the best way for him to be ridden in a race, with a big field, would be to let him drop out for the first part and then, as he wanted plenty of room, to bring him on the outside, where he could put in his wonderful finishing run over the last three furlongs. Frank had come to much the same conclusion, so Jim Munro was instructed to ride him that way in the Epsom and he won brilliantly. Now Amounis as a three-year-old could not run 12 furlongs out; but as he got older and more muscular his heart improved, and he put up a splendid fight against High Syce in the 1929 Caulfield Cup. In the Caulfield Cup of 1930 he was asked to carry 9.8, and Billy Cook was told to ride him behind and bring him on the outside after the four furlongs post was passed. He did this, but at the turn Amounis ran right off the course. Cook straightened him up, and the dear old horse did his uttermost and just won. Alas, the over-exertion ruined him and he never won again. He retired the winner of £48,297½; so now he takes second place to Phar Lap, whose winnings Mr. A. Knight puts down as £66,425.

Having now legs in two doubles, I lost no time in getting rid of the Veilmond money. Fortunately I ran into Ned Moss one morning at the Lewisham Hospital, where he had come to see a sick friend. I invited him to have morning tea and of course we discussed the Cup. I asked him if he had Veilmond backed and he said that he was going in that very day and if he could get ten to one he would back him. I said I had five thousand I could

let him have at that price and he took the lot, as the Yankees say, "Quick as spit off a hot iron."

Ned Moss was probably the most successful punter during the last 30 years, and yet he did not seem to realize that while the Limond heart was an excellent one for a 12 furlong w.f.a. contest, it was but a poor mechanism when asked to pump blood in a handicap during a two mile race. The history of Limond's offsprings showed that they had all failed at two miles, and Veilmond's dam being by Absurd made his chance a poor one in the Cup. Veilmond ran second in the V.R.C. Derby and started at 25 to 1 for the Cup.

Having got rid of the Veilmond five thousand I asked my old friend Jerome Dowling to get the five hundred on Phar Lap quick and lively, and he did so at 5 to 2 and 2 to 1.

I wrote my usual Melbourne Cup letter which had always to be in the Editor's hands nine days before the Cup started, as the Australasian was printed on the Wednesday before Cup day. In the letter I made some predictions, and all came off! Here is an extract from the letter: "In conclusion I expect Phar Lap to start the hottest favourite on record for the Melbourne Cup (he did, 11 to 8 on). I expect him to succeed where Carbine failed as a four-year-old and to win with ease (he won by four lengths, untroubled) though not in unusual time; (the time was slow. 3.27½, for the day was wet) as the pace will probably be slow for the first half of the journey (it was, the first half took 1.46½)."

I hoped it would not be a fine day as some lightweight might get away and make the pace a bit too hot. A damp course, with Phar Lap drawn on the outside would suit; for that would give Pike a clear run and he could be about sixth first time past the post.

When I arrived in Melbourne, Telford told me he had moved Phar Lap from Mordialloc which was ten miles from Flemington. He said he was in perfect condition.

The next day I had some profes-

sional work to attend to and I did not get back to the Athenaeum Club until eleven, and then heard for the first time about the attempt to frighten Phar Lap, when he was out for walking exercise, by firing off a gun. Phar Lap being a horse of great courage, was fortunately not upset, and was immediately calmed by Woodcock, who was leading him at the time.

On arriving at the course Telford informed me that all was right, and soon Phar Lap arrived in a float, escorted by several mounted troopers.

Phar Lap ran in the Melbourne Stakes. Pike had been instructed to let him go in the first part of the race and he went superbly; he was told to ease him in the last part of the race, consequently Tregilla, the A.J.C. Derby winner of that year, got quite close to him: Jim Pike had "kidded" so artistically that everyone you met predicted Phar Lap's Cup defeat, saying that some lightly-weighted horse like Tregilla would beat him. I asked that good judge, Holt, the leading trainer in Victoria, what he thought, and he said he considered that "Phar Lap's weight was an impossible one for a four-year-old." Telford, and one whose judgment is as good as Mr. E. J. Watt's, stuck to Phar Lap, and that was wise old "Cardigan" Bert Wolfe, who would not hear of his defeat; which was a comfort amidst so much adverse opinion.

Cup day dawned with clouds and misty rain, and when I reached the course about noon I was greeted by a heavy shower. I went out on to the course and I then realized the length of the green grass. One might have been on an English course. I didn't mind a little rain but I sincerely wished the grass had been shorter, after the style of Randwick; because, although Phar Lap was a wonder on a wet course, and long green wet grass meant slow time, still it also meant that the mechanical process of springing off with the hind feet every moment in the gallop entailed the expenditure of much more muscular energy and of heart force, than if the surface of the course had been firmer and more resistant. But knowing

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Pool Splashes



Tattersall's Club Members will be more than usually interested in this year's English swimming championships as both Bill Kendall and Bob Wilshire, who have done a lot of training in our Pool will compete.

After touring South Africa with Noel Ryan and Ron Masters, Wilshire went to England and is living at Bradford. This likeable chap, certainly the tallest swimmer ever to have contested first class races in Australia, is reported to be doing 56 secs. for his early training 100 yards swims and is expected to give the English sprinters a tough tussle.

Evidently Bill Kendall may concentrate on the 220 and 440 yards and this may sound strange to Australians who have looked upon Bill as a sprinter only, but we have been of opinion for some years that he is the best 440 yards man Australia has ever produced despite the fact that he has never contested a championship in Sydney over the distance.

We go on his training swims in the Pool when he settled down to an easier stroke over a bit of distance than in the hectic rush of the hundred. And don't forget that 220 yards at a Swimming Club Ball two years back when he swam close to 2.10.

We offer heartiest congratulations to Vic. Richards on his selection as a member of the Rugby Union team to tour England. Tatts. will be well represented by such an unassuming and splendid sportsman as Vic., who for some years has been one of the speediest swimmers in the Club. Vic. is one of those sportsmen who really do play for sport's sake in the best spirit. You'll never hear a squeal out of Vic., no matter which way things go.

With only two races to go, the Swimming Club will complete its 1938-39 season this month. After the Annual Ball on 19th August the Club will go into recess for a couple of months.

The month's Point Score Trophy was won by Harry English, who is recording times in his races of which he never thought himself capable.

Dewar Cup:

Points to date are:

G. Goldie, 188½; C. D. Tarrant, 171; J. Dexter, 137; W. S. Edwards, 127½; T. H. English, 105; V. Richards, 92; C. Godhard, 81½; A. Pick, 56; A. S. Block, 54½.

Club Races.

May 23rd.: 40 Yards Handicap: T. H. English (25) 1; C. Parker (32) 2; W. S. Edwards (22) 3. Time 24 4/5 secs.

May 25th: 60 Yards Handicap: G. Goldie (52) 1; C. D. Tarrant (38) and W. S. Edwards (32) tie, 2. Time 51 4/5 secs.

June 1st: 40 Yards Handicap: J. Dexter (23) 1; C. D. Tarrant (23) 2; T. H. English (24) 3. Time 22 secs.

June 8th. 40 Yards Handicap: T. H. English (24) 1; W. S. Edwards (22) 2; J. Dexter (22) 3. Time 23 2/5 secs.

June 15th: 60 Yards Handicap: G. Goldie (52) 1; W. S. Edwards (36) 2; J. Dexter (37) 3. Time 51 2/5 secs.

May-June Point Score: T. H. English, 25 pts., 1; C. D. Tarrant, 24, 2; G. Goldie, 21, 3; W. S. Edwards, 11½, 4; J. Dexter, 11, 5; C. L. Parker, 7, 6.

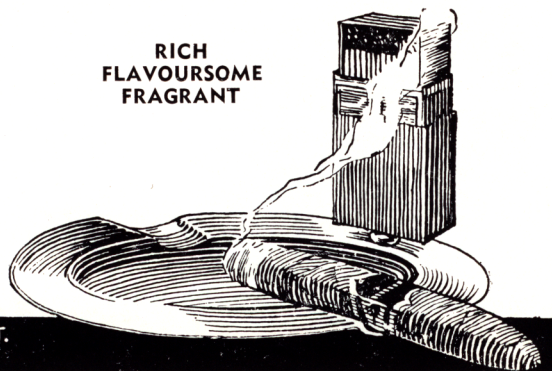
June-July Point Score: With two events to complete it, the leaders in this series are: W. S. Edwards 14, G. Goldie 13, T. H. English 10, J. Dexter 10, C. D. Tarrant 7.

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HANDBALL

The contest for the 'Spear Chief' Trophy is well on its way and amongst those with bright prospects are Bill Tebbutt, Major Penfold and Eddie Davis.

Since last issue of the Magazine the field has been considerably reduced by the elimination of competitors who had not played five games by June 10 and that leaves twenty-four of the starters still in the running.

The Committee asks that contestants play their games as soon as possible so that finality may be reached at an early date to make way for the commencement of the championships

The performances of those still left in the competition are as follows:

W. A. Tebbutt (owes 15), won 8, lost 1.
 E. E. Davies (owes 15), 13-2.
 L. Israel (owes 4), 6-2.
 J. Stanford (owes 4), 12-5;
 F. Lazarus (owes 1), 4-3.
 N. E. Penfold (scratch), 4-10.
 John Buckle (2), 6-12.
 E. T. Penfold (2), 9-6.
 R. Withycombe (5), 13-7.
 I. Green (5), 6-9.
 G. Goldie (6), 5-10.
 A. Coen (7), 5-8.
 D. Lake (9), 6-4.
 W. G. Buckle (9), 6-2.
 T. A. J. Playfair (10), 6-1.
 Dr. W. Ingram (10), 2-6.
 W. S. Edwards (10), 1-9.
 R. Morton (10), 5-3.
 N. P. Murphy (12), 4-15.
 B. Partridge (12), 13-5.
 N. Barrell (14), 3-4.
 T. H. English (14), 2-7.
 W. C. Allen (16), 8-8.
 W. Lieberman (18), 6-14.

Social Programme

SATURDAY
29th July

Tattersall's Club
 Golf Club
 9th Annual Ball

SATURDAY
19th August

Tattersall's Club
 Swimming Club
 9th Annual Ball

SATURDAY
16th Sept.

Tattersall's Club
 12th
 Annual Ball

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DRAW FOR FIRST ROUND.

E. A. Davis	Rec. 65	v.	C. J. Manning	Rec. 130	"Rose Bay"	Owes 150	v.	L. Haigh	Rec. 100
J. H. Sears	" 90	v.	A. L. Levy	" 115	B. M. Levy	Rec. 140	v.	C. E. Hall	" 90
J. B. Davis	" 85	v.	A. T. H. Pittar	" 140	F. Vockler	" 30	v.	J. Armstrong	" 160
W. M. Hannan	" 160	v.	W. A. Freeman	" 150	"Oral"	Owes 60	v.	J. A. Roles	" 80
"G.J.W."	" 40	v.	L. Howarth	" 120	H. J. Robertson	" 150	v.	C. S. Brice	" 150
F. G. McLean	" 160	v.	F. E. Headlam	" 80	R. Mead	Rec. 85	v.	Dr. A. F. Janes	" 150
C. E. Young	Owes 20	v.	E. R. Williams	" 120	C. L. Parker	" 130	v.	W. R. Dovey	" 135
					G. Priest	" 100	v.	J. W. Plaskitt	" 130

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SNOOKER TOURNAMENT

1939

DRAW FOR FIRST ROUND.

"Rose Bay"	Rec. 10	v.	E. H. Scott	Rec. 50	W. S. Edwards	Rec. 60	v.	L. R. Harrison	Rec. 60
I. Green	" 65	v.	A. R. D. Hogg	" 70	Dr. A. F. Janes	" 45	v.	A. C. Ingham	" 50
B. M. Levy	" 55	v.	L. Haigh	" 50	H. Reid	" 70	v.	B. Maher	" 85
E. O. Walcot	" 65	v.	D. F. Morand	" 90	A. T. Crick	" 60	v.	G. D. Tayler	" 65
J. Hickey	" 65	v.	"G.J.W."	" 30	I. E. Stanford	" 40	v.	J. A. Roles	" 40
A. G. Gillespie	" 45	v.	C. A. Douzens	" 50	A. L. Levy	" 35	v.	C. S. Brice	" 60
K. F. E. Fidden	" 55	v.	G. Chiene	" 50	C. E. Young	" 15	v.	H. C. Bartley	" 80
"Oral"	" 15	v.	C. E. Hall	" 50	Guy Crick	" 60	v.	E. A. Davis	" 20
P. Smith	" 60	v.	E. S. Pointing	" 65	P. Hyams	" 65	v.	D. Lotherington	" 75
W. Forster	" 55	v.	A. S. Block	" 50	D. Lake	" 55	v.	A. S. W. Hurd	" 55
C. L. Parker	" 55	v.	H. Davoren	" 65	H. J. Robertson	Scr. v.	Dr. L. L. McStay	" 75	
E. R. Williams	" 70	v.	G. Webster	" 65	G. Priest	Rec. 40	v.	F. G. McLean	" 50
J. B. Davis	" 40	v.	P. De Bovis	" 80	G. H. Booth	" 50	v.	W. Ford	" 55
J. J. Collins	" 65	v.	J. H. Abbs	" 70	F. Vockler	" 15	v.	L. H. Howarth	" 40
C. J. Manning	" 65	v.	J. W. Plaskitt	" 70	R. H. Sutton	" 65	v.	S. A. Brown	" 90

BYES : C. A. Perry, W. R. Dovey.

Billiards and Snooker

Annual Tournaments Now in Full Swing

July in each year brings the Club's annual billiards and snooker tournaments into focus. The gentlemen of the handicapping committee have completed their task, and all that remains is to find whether the judgment of the "neutrals" ranks superior to that of the individual.

Tuesday, July 4, has been set down as the day for starting, and keen finishes should be the order of the day.

In the three-ball section all games will be 250-up and some brilliant cueing will be necessary if the back-markers are to catch the scorer's eye at the end.

On the mark of honour, we find ex-State champions, Hans Robertson and "Rose Bay," who are placed 150 behind scratch. Others who are behind scratch are our old friends A. V. Miller (owes 60) and Charlie Young (owes 20).

With a limit of 160, the champions will be faced with a stiff task, but there is no doubt about their confidence.

Last year's winner, L. Haigh, has been brought back 20 points to 100-on and appears well placed for a repetition, but, on going through the names of entrants one will find so many "certainties" that final conclusions emphasise the open character of the tout ensemble and evidence of the handicappers' art.

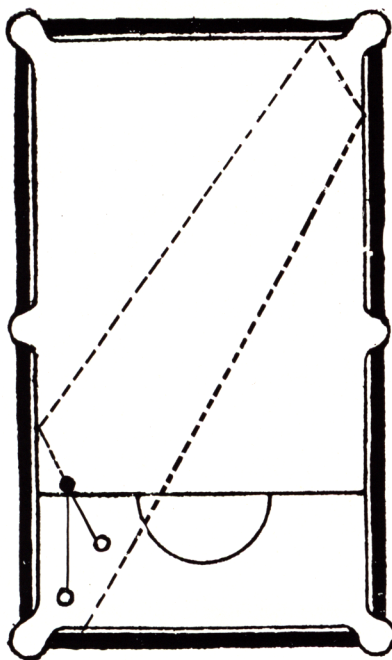
In the snooker division, Hans Robertson is alone on the scratch mark with "Rose Bay" on rec. 10, next in order. After that players receive "bonuses" up to the tune of rec. 90.

If the quidnuncs have been set for trouble in the billiards, what about this section? The final scores in every heat should make interesting reading.

George Chiene, who won last year, has been penalised only ten points, and should again be well up with the leaders.

Special arrangements have been set out for the snooker tournament. All heats will be of one game only, but the semi-finals and final will be best two out of three.

Members will be given four days' notice of the date set down for their first game, but only three days' notice thereafter.



A striking example of ball control. Note how the first object-ball is driven round the table to ensure perfect position. A very easy shot—when you are good enough!

There will be a fresh draw after each round, and the latest Rules of the Billiards and Control Council (Eng.) will obtain.

No hardship should result regarding the date set out for heats, as players can make arrangements to suit themselves as to the time for play, whether it be in the afternoon or evening. But a forfeit will be declared against a player for absence. Everything will be done to obviate such a course being necessary, but the tournaments will be played to schedule.

There are several new faces with us this year and a hearty welcome is accorded by the "Knights of the Cue," who have enjoyed good fellowship, over many years, on the green cloth.

Although a keen atmosphere is evident in all our Club tournaments, members never fail to remember that such events are only put on for recreation. Winning or losing means little, but the spirit of competition is one of the greatest joys of any sport.

Thus we await in eager anticipation the results of forthcoming matches.

Our tables are in excellent condition and everything has been done to ensure the perfection desired.

The standard table was tested by world's champion, Walter Lindrum, during the past few days, and breaks of over a thousand rolled from his cue as though billiards were the easiest game in the world—a view not shared by many of us who have for years striven to attain proficiency.

A Lindrum story might be apropos at this moment.

One thing the champion will not permit is that his name be included in tournament entry lists. That, however, did not prevent some "wag" recently putting him in the annual event conducted by The Victorian Club.

Not knowing whether the entry was legitimate or not, those at the helm decided to leave it on the list.

A detail like that proved of no matter to handicapper W. ("Bill") Whelan, who, on handing over his signed sheet had attached thereto a short note: "Walter Lindrum entry omitted—FORM UNKNOWN!" Thus was the joke carried to the limit and enjoyed by all. That is the spirit of our own members.

DATES FOR RACING FIXTURES

JULY — DECEMBER — 1939

JULY.

Victoria Park Saturday, 1st
 Rosebery Wednesday, 5th
 Moorefield Saturday, 8th
 Kensington Wednesday, 12th
 Canterbury Park Saturday, 15th
 Victoria Park Wednesday, 19th
 Ascot Saturday, 22nd
 Kensington Wednesday, 26th
 Moorefield Saturday, 29th

AUGUST.

Kensington Wednesday, 2nd
 Rosehill Saturday, 5th
 A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Monday, 7th
 Ascot Wednesday, 9th
 Rosebery Saturday, 12th
 Ascot Wednesday, 16th
 Moorefield Saturday, 19th
 Victoria Park Wednesday, 23rd
 A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Saturday, 26th
 Kensington Wednesday, 30th

SEPTEMBER.

Canterbury Park Saturday, 2nd
 Rosebery Wednesday, 6th
 Tattersall's Saturday, 9th
 Ascot Wednesday, 13th
 Rosehill Saturday, 16th
 A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Wed., 20th
 Hawkesbury Saturday, 23rd
 Rosebery Wednesday, 27th
 Australian Jockey Club, Saturday, 30th

OCTOBER.

Australian Jockey Club, Monday, 2nd
 (Eight-Hours Day)
 Australian Jockey Club Wed., 4th
 Australian Jockey Club, Saturday, 7th
 Rosebery Wednesday, 11th
 City Tattersall's Saturday, 14th
 Ascot Wednesday, 18th
 A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Saturday, 21st
 Victoria Park Wednesday, 25th
 Rosehill Saturday, 28th

NOVEMBER.

Kensington Wednesday, 1st
 Canterbury Park Saturday, 4th
 Victoria Park Wednesday, 8th
 Moorefield Saturday, 11th
 Ascot Wednesday, 15th
 A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Saturday, 18th
 Rosebery Wednesday, 22nd
 Rosehill Saturday, 25th
 Hawkesbury Wednesday, 29th

DECEMBER.

Canterbury Park Saturday, 2nd
 A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Wed., 6th
 A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Saturday, 9th
 Kensington Wednesday, 13th
 Rosehill Saturday, 16th
 Victoria Park Wednesday, 20th
 Australian Jockey Club, Saturday, 23rd
 Australian Jockey Club, Tuesday, 26th
 (Boxing Day)
 Kensington Wednesday, 27th
 Tattersall's Saturday, 30th

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INTRODUCTION OF THE VINE

SOME three years after the establishment of the first settlement at Sydney Cove, the first grape vine was planted at Parramatta, and efforts were made to adapt it to Australian conditions. The cultivation of the vine must, therefore, rank with the earliest of our industries. It was an industry from which the young colony expected much, and we find associated with the story of its early development the names of such men as John Macarthur and Gregory Blaxland. In fact, the credit of the establishment of the first vineyards must be given to these two prominent pioneers—Blaxland's vineyard being situated on his Brush Farm and Macarthur's on his Camden Park Estate.

THERE were a great number of difficulties to be overcome in the early years of vine culture in New South Wales, and in the surmounting of these obstacles we find a record of generous co-operation between those engaged in the work that is probably unparalleled in the history of industrial and commercial development. Prominent among those interested in the establishment of the industry in this country was James Busby, at that time Collector of Internal Revenue, who had obtained a great amount of useful information as the result of visits to the leading vineyards of the Continent. In 1830 he made a collection of some 20,000 cuttings of grape vines found suited to Australian conditions and offered these for free distribution to all interested in the industry. It was a most generous gesture, and one which did much to further the progress of vine cultivation. His example was followed also by Robert Campbell, senr., who was another of the prominent citizens of early Sydney interested in adapting overseas varieties of the vine to Australian conditions and who gave away a great number of cuttings of the types found most suitable.

IN an early account of New South Wales we read the following description of the possibilities of the industry in this country: "Had New South Wales been the colony of a vine-growing country, wine and fruit would have been, years ago, among the staple articles of our export; while at present not above 1000 gallons of tolerable wine are annually produced in the colony. The climate is dry and warm; none in the world can be more genial to the growth of the vine. . . . The soil is as various as that of

Europe, from the most barren to the most productive. Here we have the debris of the primitive granite, the fertile soil resulting from the decomposition of volcanic trap, extensive tracks of lime, unmeasured extents of drift land, proceeding from the decomposition of sand-stone, equally extensive portions of country consisting chiefly of alumina, and rich alluvial recent deposits, which to a greater extent influence the quality of the wine than is generally supposed. We may, therefore, expect to produce wines of equally various qualities. . . . Books on the culture of the vine are already in the hands of the colonists. . . . and grape vines imported by Mr. Busby, from which the most esteemed wines of France are produced, are now growing in the colony, and cuttings of them may be had gratis at the Government Gardens."

"WE are induced to notice particularly," the account continues, in reference to the vineyard pictured above, "the very superior quality of the wine of Irrawang Vineyard, on the River Williams, which has come under our notice. It is yet of very limited extent, only a few acres (which have been trenched about three feet deep). The soil consists of sandy black loam, with a sub-soil of a lighter coloured earth, intermixed with clay and gravel. The vines have grown luxuriantly in this vineyard these five years past, and borne abundantly."

THIS Irrawang Vineyard was established by James King, who came from Scotland to New South Wales in 1827. He purchased land on the Williams River with the intention of growing wheat, but found it totally unsuited to this purpose. He was able later, however, to establish there a vineyard and pottery. He converted his farm into a viticultural laboratory and devoted a great deal of study to the improvement of Australian wine. So successful was he in this direction that his exhibit at the Paris Exhibition of 1855 was awarded a medal, while his wines were among the select few to appear on the table of the Emperor Napoleon III. His experimental work has proved of great value to the viticultural industry in Australia. His name is commemorated by a travelling scholarship, which was bequeathed to the Sydney University in his honour—the James King of Irrawang Scholarship.

"PHAR LAP"

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that Phar Lap had perfect hind-quarters and an incomparable staying heart I still felt confident, though naturally a bit anxious. An additional unfavourable factor was a wind that blew down the course and would be against him in the run home. I noticed that the wind and wet course had slowed the time of the Railway Handicap, 6 Furlongs, down to 1.15½, and the November Nursery to 1.2. Nothing can beat a horse that is beginning to tire so effectually as a head wind.

As I walked about I never met one individual that had put a penny on Phar Lap; even old Jim Hackett who was walking about enjoying his cigar, as he no longer fielded, laughed at me when I told him how easily Phar Lap was going to win. How different was the tale after the race; then everyone "had known quite well that Phar Lap would not be beaten."

Phar Lap headed the procession of fifteen and he seemed to realize that he was the cynosure of every eye; and so he arched his neck and led his rivals with wonderful dignity: for the deliberate stride of those hind legs was one of the most characteristic features of this great horse. No horse that walks badly with his hind legs ever inspires confidence.

When the horses lined up at the starting point the rain had ceased, and there was now a flood of sunshine which helped to warm up one's not too happy self.

Phar Lap had drawn marble 12, so he was well to the outside and that was a comfort, for it was a straight run to the winning-post over the first half-mile, and Pike had no difficulty in having him about sixth, on the rails, going out of the straight, the pace being nice and slow; in fact, the first mile took 1.46½ and that meant that Phar Lap's task had been made much easier. Five furlongs from

home, Pike took him a little out so as to be sure that he would not get hemmed in when going between the five and the three furlong post. After passing the 3 furlong post it could be seen that he was in the firing line and going well—I could not help noticing that a silence fell on that vast crowd. The spectators seemed dumb with expectation. Only a very small percentage could have backed Phar Lap on the course as he was at odds on (11 to 8), and only those with doubles were financially concerned; so the hush was simply the evidence of the crowd's anxiety to see whether their idol could really come away from his field, at the spot where so many horses fail in the Cup.

And now the leaders four or five abreast had reached the two furlongs post, and every eye was watching; every heart beat faster for a moment; then all of a sudden Pike let Phar Lap go and like an arrow he shot to the lead, to be greeted with one great yell of triumph, made by 100,000 throats. On he came, and apparently quite conscious of his triumph he passed the winning post three lengths ahead of Second Wind, amidst a wild scene of delight; for the crowd were not slow to recognise the fact that Phar Lap had done what no other horse in the history of racing in the last 50 years had done; for he, a *four-year-old* had carried 9.12 to victory in the greatest two mile handicap in the racing world; now that the old slow-time races have ceased to exist.

In my next article I propose to explain *staying power*, and will try to make clear why Phar Lap reached the highest degree in staying power ever reached by any racer.

AJAX STILL SUPREME

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Best fillies in Sydney were Waireka and Merry Smile, Waireka being a phenomenally fast galloper but lacking the sturdiness of Zonda or the suggestion of stamina of that filly.

Taken altogether, the two-year-olds of the season should prove a good crop of horses and leave their marks on Australian turf history as they go on through their careers.

GOLF NOTES

The last outing held was at Concord Club on 15th June last when a Four Ball Competition was decided. The winners were Messrs. D. F. Stewart and H. D. McRae, who returned a card of 9 up. Messrs. C. W. Macleod and W. A. MacDonald were runners-up with a card of 7 up.

Members who attended spent a most enjoyable day and indications point to the outings this season being particularly well attended and the Hon. Secretary hopes for the establishment of new attendance records.

Many new players competed and several old players reappeared after a short absence but found the opposition on this particular occasion a little too strong, however, the time will not be long before some of them will be leading the field.

Hereunder are a few of the scores recorded at Concord Club in the Four Ball Competition:

Messrs.:

D. F. Stewart and H. D. McRae, 9 up.

C. W. Macleod and W. A. MacDonald, 7 up.

Professor J. D. Stewart and G. Brown, 6 up.

J. L. Ruthven and G. Harper, 5 up.

P. Schwarz and J. Mandel, 4 up.

J. Hickey and J. A. Fraser, 2 up.

S. Baker and W. Ditfort, 2 up.

The next outing will be held at the Killara Club on 20th July, when a Stroke Handicap for the Victor Audette Memorial Shield will be held and intending players are especially reminded to notify the Hon. Secretary as soon as possible in order that arrangements may be made with the Killara Club.

The Hon. Secretary extends to all golfers who are members of Tattersall's Club an invitation to Killara to enjoy with other Club members a good game of golf and a very pleasant outing.

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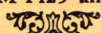
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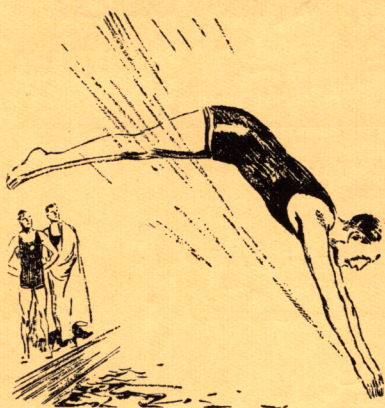
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ABOUT ONE MILE AND FIVE FURLONGS.

THE NOVICE HANDICAP.

A Handicap of £300; second £50, third £25 from the prize. For all horses which have never at the time of starting won a flat race or races (Maiden Race excepted) of the total value to the winner of more than £50. Lowest handicap weight, 7st. Apprentice riders only; allowances as provided by Rule 109. Nomination, £1 acceptance, £2.

ONE MILE

THE TRAMWAY HANDICAP.

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SEVEN FURLONGS.

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ONE MILE.

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(Weight-for-age with penalties and allowances, for horses three-years-old and upwards.)

Of £1,250; second £250, third £125 from the prize. Horses that have won a weight-for-age or special weight race exceeding £400 in value to the winner to carry 7lb. extra. Horses not having, at time of starting, won a handicap exceeding £150 in value to the winner allowed: Three years, 7lb.; four years and upwards, 14lb.; maiden three-year-olds, 10lb.; maiden four-year-olds and upwards, 20lb. Winners of weight-for-age or special weight races (except special weight two-year-old races not exceeding £150 in value to the winner) not entitled to any allowance. Owners and Trainers must declare penalties incurred and claim allowances due at date when making entries. Nomination, £1; acceptance, £11/10/-.

ONE MILE AND A FURLONG.

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A Handicap of £350; second £70, third £35 from the prize. Lowest handicap weight, 7st. 7lb. Nomination, £1; acceptance, £2/10/-.

ONE MILE.

NOMINATIONS for the above races are to be made with the Secretary of Tattersall's Club, Sydney; the Secretary, N.J.C., Newcastle, or Mr. Gordon Lockington, 491 Bourke Street, Melbourne, before 4 p.m. on

MONDAY, AUGUST 28th, 1939.

NOMINATIONS for the above races shall be subject to the Rules of Racing, By-Laws and Regulations of the Australian Jockey Club for the time being in force, and by which the nominator agrees to be bound.

Amount of Nomination Fee must accompany each nomination. If nominations are made by telegram the amount of fee must be telegraphed.

The Committee reserve the right to refuse any nomination.

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WEIGHTS to be declared at 10 a.m. on Monday, 4th September, 1939.

ACCEPTANCES for all races are due before 1 p.m. on Thursday, 7th September, 1939, with the Secretary of Tattersall's Club, Sydney, only.

The Committee reserve the power from time to time to make any alteration or modification in this programme, alter the date of running, the sequence of the races, time of starting and the time for taking nominations, declaration of handicaps, forfeits or acceptances, and in the event of the false rail being used, races will be run at "ABOUT" the distances advertised.

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